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Re Ex Parte Presentation

In the Matter of Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MB Docket No 03-15

Dear Ms Dortch

On Tuesday, March 16, 2004, Merrill Weiss of The Merrill Weiss Group and Thomas Van Wazer met with Keith Larsen, Mike Lance, Mary Beth Richards, Gordon Godfrey of the Media Bureau and Alan Stillwell of the Office of Engineering & Technology During the meeting, the parties discussed various policy issues related to the authorization of distributed transmission technology under the FCC's rules as proposed in the Comments of The Merrill Weiss Group in the above-referenced proceeding

Pursuant to section 1 1206 of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter are being filed in the above-referenced proceeding. Please direct any questions to the undersigned

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